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Patent Examiner: Michael E. Butler

Re: Patent Application Serial No. 09/014,076
Filed: January 27, 1998
Applicants: R. Michael McGrady, et al.
For: Method for Tracking And Dispensing Medical Items
Docket No.: D-1056 Div 3

Sir:

Please find enclosed Applicants' Response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000 including a Declaration and attached documentary evidence for filing in the above-referenced case. Also enclosed is a Request to Amend Drawings and formal drawings including Figures 1 through 27 for filing in the above-referenced case.

Several additional claims are added, however no additional fees are due. Upon the submission of these claims, should any fee be deemed to be due, please charge the fee to the deposit account of Diebold, Incorporated, Account Number 04-1077.

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In re Application of: **R. Michael McGrady, et al.**)
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In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000, kindly amend the above identified Application as follows:

In The Claims

Kindly add the following new claims 48 - 53.

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48. A method of tracking and dispensing medical items comprising;
- a) placing at least one unit of a plurality of types of medical items in a plurality of storage locations, wherein each storage location holds only one type of medical item at a time;